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SCHOOL CONTRACT

Closed for Next Year by Louisa Board of Education.

Nine Months Term, Opening August 30th, in Connection With Kentucky Normal College.

The Louisa Board of Education met Saturday afternoon with all members present. The most important work done was the closing of a contract with Prof. Byington and Kennison to teach the public school in connection with the Kentucky Normal College.

The contract provides for a term of nine months and another assistant is added to the number heretofore provided. Prof. J. P. McClure will be prominently connected with the school and college work. Further than this no statement has been given out as to the corps of teachers.

The public school building will be used for all the lower grades that it will comfortably accommodate, and the other grades will occupy the new college building.

The school will open on Monday, August 30th.

It is safe to say that there is not another town of this size anywhere that is providing such excellent facilities for its free pupils as Louisa is doing. All the college courses are open to all the legal pupils of this district without a cent of cost. Only the commercial and music courses are accepted and these are conducted as entirely separate departments.

No Such Conditions Here.

Frankfort, Ky., May 31.—In his annual report on the condition of the State University President Patterson says that the unrest in Central and Western Kentucky in regard to the university has been introduced in many of the counties of the commonwealth, and that for the good of the institution it must be regretted that these animosities will not disappear for years, and will interfere with the conditions of the university. What the unrest is or the cause of it President Patterson has not explained.

He also calls attention to the effect on young students of the saloons and gambling houses in Lexington, and other allurements that follow in wake of these, but questions whether legislation would be a remedy.

The moral of this story is: Send your young men and young women to the Kentucky Normal College at Louisa. There are no saloons in Louisa, no gambling and no "unrest."

Capital Visits Pike.

The party of foreign capitalists who visited the upper Sandy country last week remained with its special train four days. Its members represented many millions of capital. They were captivated by Elkhorn City, some of them purchasing lots there. They pronounced the Marrowbone coal fields the finest in the world. They have purchased largely and will put in many thousand coke ovens soon in Pike county.

The Big Sandy Company owns 281,000 acres of this fine coking coal land. Col. Temple, one of the party, says this is one of the finest sections of country the sun shines on, and they have taken vast interests here. I. P. McCracken, of Uniontown, Pa., is also in that region, and has been for the last ten days. He is there for the purpose of putting in the coke ovens. He is a great capitalist.

Court of Appeals.

Eastern Kentucky Realty Company vs. Black, Knott county; affirmed. Drovers and Mechanics National Bank of Baltimore, Md., etc., vs. Northern Coal and Coke Company—led May 12, 1909. (To be reported.) Appeal from Pike Circuit Court. Opinion of the court by William Rogers Clay, Commissioner, affirmed.

Because the court refused to grant

Ed Johnson a continuance when he was presented for trial in Elliott county on a murder charge, his counsel, Will A. Young, being ill, the Court of Appeals granted Johnson a new trial. He was convicted of manslaughter and was given a sentence of twenty-one years in the penitentiary.

Charles, etc., vs. Daniels, etc., Pike county; motion to discharge the supersedeas bond sustained and appellants given ten days to execute new bond.

Fraud in Johnson County Primary.

The Republican Committee in Johnson county, in trying the contest over the nomination for County Attorney of that county, decided that so much fraud was used in Whitehouse precinct that no nomination was made for that office and annulled the certificate of nomination given Dr. F. M. Bayes and ordered another primary held. The contestants were W. E. Litteral and Sam Stapleton. It is reported that Dr. Bayes will run independent.

A Two Days Meeting.

The Rev. L. M. Copley held meetings last Saturday and Sunday at Summit. The attendance was large. During the meeting he preached the funeral of Mrs. Cyrus, daughter of Dan Cox, and also of the infant child of a Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, of Gallup.

BREAKS ALL RECORDS.

Fred Vinson, of Louisa, Shows Central University What a Mountaineer Can Do.

The friends of Fred Vinson are in receipt of cards inviting them to attend his graduation at Center University, Danville, next week. The NEWS is quite sure that all who know this Louisa boy and his phenomenal record would go many miles to see him in his hour of triumph. If it were possible. He has broken nearly every record of that famous school. First, he is a "one year" man, that is, he completes the course and graduates in one year from entrance. He has also won the much coveted Senior Prize for high grades. Here are a few of them: Physics, 96.6, History and Constitutional Law, 98.2, German Literature and Spanish, 99. Individually and collectively these are the best grades in the Senior Class and the whole University.

Then he has gone through the whole year by getting the best grade in every examination and laboratory test, except taking once in English and once in Physics in tests. His classmates say that Fred's average this year is the highest ever made in the school. For the term he averaged 98.3 and for the year 97.5 and if he omits the grade for one term's work in Greek, really not Senior work, his average would be 97.95 per cent. He modestly says he is pleased with his work.

Fred thought he needed a little physical exercise, and though it took lots of "nerve" to do it, he went on a Southern tour with the college ball team. They played eight State games and won them all. He was gone about ten days, and the week after he took the examination in Spanish and made the highest grade he had ever made in the school—the phenomenal average of 98.3. He says he is "pleased with his work."

It is impossible to read this record of one year's work and not feel that the young man would be freely pardoned if he felt exultant, jubilant and altogether triumphant. He deserves and will receive the warmest congratulations of his friends.

Please remember, in this connection, that Fred is a graduate of Kentucky Normal College.

Morgan to the Front.

Morgan county is not so slow after all. Read this from one of the county papers:

County Judge Blair is going to grade the road from here to Wrigley, and our enterprising liverman, W. M. Kendall, is going to put a passenger automobile on the line to meet all trains.

GREAT WEALTH

Of Eastern Kentucky Described in Trade Journal.

Most Valuable Coal Areas in America Are Found in This Section.

(Charles E. Hellier, of Boston, President of Big Sandy Company, in Appalachian Trade Journal.)

The eleven eastern counties of Kentucky contain the most valuable coal resources in America. These counties are Pike, Letcher, Harlan, Bell, Martin, Floyd, Knott, Perry, Leslie, Knox and Johnson, and are the very center of the Appalachian Mountain System. Their combined area is 4,240 square miles of 2,719,360 acres, about four times the area of the State of Rhode Island, which has an area of 1,055 square miles, or one-half the area of the State of Massachusetts, which has an area of 8,940 square miles. The population of the eleven counties is 133,564.

The counties are all mountainous with many valleys formed by erosion in the sides of which the coal seams are exposed. There are several seams of coal lying in a horizontal position in a coal-bearing geological formation, having a vertical section of thickness of upwards of a thousand feet. These coal seams in these counties have been carefully examined by the experts of the various companies, which have been gradually acquiring the coal-bearing lands during the past twenty years, and from the results of their examinations, it is conservative to estimate the commercial coal at 4,000 tons per acre for each acre in the eleven counties or a total of 16,877,440,000 tons in the entire 2,719,360 acres. While these tonnage figures seem large at first sight, they shrink to human comprehension when compared with the figures representing the annual consumption of coal in the United States, which has now approached 600,000,000 tons per annum and will probably reach a billion tons a year in from ten to fifteen years, so that the vast stores in the greatest storehouse of coal nature has given to America would only be sufficient to supply the present demand about twenty-five years and the demand of a generation hence for hardly a dozen years.

The quality of these coals is superior. They are the lowest in ash, sulphur and phosphorus of any coal in the United States. The late Peter Kimberley, of Sharon, Pa., a steel maker of national reputation, who has investigated and invested in this coal, gave out his opinion that the Eastern Kentucky coking coals were worth 25 per cent more than other coking coals for iron and steel making purposes on account of their very low sulphur and phosphorus. The late Hon. J. N. Camden, ex-Senator from West Virginia, who accumulated a fortune of many millions from his coal investments in West Virginia, placed himself on record that the Eastern Kentucky coal field "is now the most valuable coal district in the United States and consequently in the world." These opinions have been verified by practical tests of the coal and coke from the field. The facts about the great coal fields of Eastern Kentucky have become known to the several railroad corporations which can carry these coals and the coke that will be made from them, to market, and one great railroad system, the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company, having already penetrated this area by its line up the valley of the Big Sandy river into Pike county. The others are getting ready to go in and secure their share of the tonnage that is awaiting them.

The railroads get the lion's share of the profits of the coal business. They will probably receive as freight an average of at least a dollar a ton on every ton carried to market from this field. The entire field will pay of ten billions of dollars to the railroads in freight, of which probably 40 to 50 per cent will be profit for the railroads. The profits are there waiting and the railroads are

going after them. The second to come in will be the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio Railway Company, which George L. Carter and his associates are building from the Carolinas due north to Elkhorn, Ky., at a cost of some \$40,000,000. This road will probably be complete within two years. Mr. Henry H. Rogers' Virginia railway, which runs due west from Norfolk, Va., will reach these coal fields by an extension in the same due easterly direction of about fifty miles and the Norfolk & Western railway will reach it by a branch of somewhat less mileage. On the south and southwest is the Louisville & Nashville railway, which is reported to have acquired the line to Jackson, Ky., which it will extend up the Kentucky river to these coal areas, while the Southern railway is said to be planning an extension from Artimus, in Knox county, Ky., to Pikeville, the shire-town of Pike county. The industrial development of the region will follow the railroad development in the same way as has occurred in the older mining regions of Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

The mountains of Eastern Kentucky have been known to the outside world chiefly in the past as the home of the moonshiner and the bloody family feud. In the future, when these five great railroad systems have penetrated these coal fields, they will be known as the greatest coal mining section in the world.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

Result of the Lawrence County Examination Held Recently.

At the teachers' examination on Friday and Saturday last seventy-six presented themselves for examination. Of this number the following obtained first-class certificates:

T. T. Thompson, W. H. C. Thompson, Mary Miller, J. S. Judd, Cynthia Webb, Mollie G. Webb, Harry Boggs, Eugene Moore, S. W. Burton, David Morris, Elba Rose, Rinda Holbrook, Arthur Morris, D. G. Diamond, Levi Streitenberger, Frances Judd, Bertha Austin, Willie M. Byington, Ruth Norton, J. L. O'Brien, Sam Jobe.

These obtained second-class certificates:

John S. Thompson, Marion Crank, E. R. Fugate, Hannah Webb, W. H. C. Thompson, Jr., Carl Moore, Hermia Waller, Essie Thompson, May E. Sammons, Maud Smith, Oscar Bailey, Mattie Webb, Lizzie Thompson, W. S. Gambill, Emma D. Sammons, John Collinsworth, E. N. Williams, Malissa Holbrook, Sherman Evans, C. F. Sparks, Drew Adams, Nathan George, R. G. Johnson, Oscar Prince, Gipsy Furchett, Jay Compton, Sadie Crank, Scott Boyd, Ethel Thompson.

The following hold certificates of the third-class:

Lily Queen, Martin Gambill, Chas. D. Johnson, Norah Conley, Virgie O'Brien, Maggie Brathard, Felix Thompson, N. C. Conley, Hannah Vaughan, Jeff Miller.

There were four whose youthfulness precluded the giving of certificates, but they went in just the same and passed the examination successfully. They were Otto C. Gartin, Laura B. Miller, Jennie Skeens, Leonard Blankenship.

There were ten failures.

Killed by Lightning.

On Sunday last Marion Young, of Nippa, Johnson county, while standing in the front door of his residence, was struck by lightning and instantly killed. Mr. Young was a prominent citizen of that section of the county. He was a member of the Baptist Church and active in its affairs. He was an uncle of Henry and A. B. Young, of this place, and was about 65 years old.

A telegram was received here today stating that Charlie Borders, the only brother of Miss Anna Borders, of this city, died in the hospital in Wheeling, W. Va., where he has been ill with typhoid fever for the past two weeks. He and his sister, Miss Anna, had gone to Wheeling to visit their cousin, Mrs. John Emerick. The interment took place at Paintsville, where the decedent's grandparents live.—Catsburg Tribune.

LOST CHILD.

Remarkable Story Comes From Johnson County.

Grown Daughter of Tip Childers, Supposed to Have Been Drowned in Childhood, Returns.

A story is in circulation to the effect that a daughter of Tip Childers, of Buffalo, Johnson county, has returned to the old home within the last few days, after having been mourned as dead since her early childhood.

About sixteen years ago a little daughter of Mr. Childers disappeared and was thought to have been drowned. The river was "dragged" for days, but the body was not recovered. Some bones were found a year later that were supposed to be those of the child.

The story says that a few days ago a young woman of near twenty years of age appeared at the old home and declared herself to be the lost child. Her story was not believed until she went into the garden and dug up a doll that she had buried just before her disappearance. She claims that she was swinging on the front gate, which was near the edge of the river bank, when a man came along and carried her away, holding his hand over her mouth to smother her cries. Being under four years old she had only an indistinct knowledge of her identity. The story says she was taken to Kansas. Recently the man became sick, and believing death was near he told the girl whose daughter she was and sent her home.

We learned of the story too late to get direct information as to its truth or falsity. Some local citizens who knew all about the details of the supposed drowning declare the story to be very improbable and we publish it only for what it may be worth.

We find the following item in the files of the Big Sandy News, issue of May 19, 1893.

"A two-year-old child of Perry (Tip) Childers, living on the Big Sandy river, five miles below Paintsville, walked into the river Sunday while the family were at dinner and was drowned. Only tiny foot prints remained to show his fate."

Raise Sheep.

D. R. Wells, of Robertson county, has not raised any tobacco for years but turned his attention to sheep raising. He sold his 100 fleeces this year at 32 cents per pound, netting him \$300.00. What's the matter in Lawrence? There is no better sheep country, and should be alive with the fleecy money makers.

His Semi-Centennial.

At the coming session of the Kentucky Conference to be held in Third Street M. E. Church, this city, September 8th, the Rev. Dr. Thomas N. Hanford, will, at the earnest request of a number of laymen of the conference, preach a specially prepared sermon in celebration of the semi-centennial of his ministry of the Gospel. This will be good news to his many friends and admirers in this city, especially to the members of the Third Street M. E. Church, of which he was pastor for several years.—Maysville Bulletin.

Will Not Go to Paintsville.

Asbury College will rebuild at Wilmore, this being the decision of the Kentucky Holiness Convention. A committee was appointed to draft a report setting forth the stand of the Methodist Church on the subject of state-wide prohibition.

Rev. Neal to Speak Here.

The Rev. R. B. Neal, pastor of the Christian Church at Pikeville, was in the city today, on his return from E. K. Junction, where he preached Saturday night and Sunday to large

congregations. Bro. Neal raised money enough to outfit the new Sunday School with suitable song books. He preaches in Louisa tonight, and goes to Williamson tomorrow.

The above is from the Independent, Ashland, Ky. Mr. Neal was on the ground on time, but the "Juniors," whose hall the Christian Church people use for services, was in use by the society. Mr. Neal has a date for Monday night at the Junior Hall. He says his topic will be governed by the audience he has, as he believes in making the hate fit the boy rather than the boy fit the hat.

He is here in the interests of a Christian Church house. He thinks that Louisa has the best college prospects of any town in the Big Sandy valley and that his people must have a handsome modern church house.

Langley's Bill in Senate.

Senator Curtis, of Kansas, introduced the Interstate Liquor shipment prepared by the National Anti-Saloon League and introduced in the House by Representative Langley, of Kentucky.

The bill prohibits the shipment of liquor from outside a State or Territory where shipment to such point would be unlawful from other points within the same State or Territory. It goes farther than the recent amendments to obviate the objection of unconstitutionality urged against the Littlefield bill and similar measures in the past.

ELECTING SCHOOL TEACHERS.

Correction of Statement as to Board That Names the Teachers.

The new school law of Kentucky has kept many people guessing all this year, and the NEWS accidentally added to the confusion last week. We intended to publish a list of those who will have the pleasant task of naming the teachers of common schools in Lawrence county this year, but we got hold of the wrong list. The names published were the chairmen of the educational divisions, boards of the county, known as the County Board of Education.

The county is divided into eight Educational Divisions. Each of these divisions is divided into school sub-districts, conforming very much to the old boundary lines of school districts. Each school district, last August elected one trustee.

The trustees of each Educational Division then met and organized into a Division Board, making eight of such boards in the county. In the matter of employing teachers each of these Division Boards will meet in its own district or division on the last Saturday in June and select the teachers for its division.

Coca-Cola Plant Changed Hands.

T. R. Crumpler has sold the Coca-Cola Bottling Works of this place to the Keystone Bottling Company, of North Fork, W. Va. Mr. Crumpler will remain with the company on salary and will conduct the plant here in the same satisfactory manner in which he was running it for himself. The company makes a feature of turning out the highest grade of soft drinks. Under the new arrangement there will be considerable saving in the purchase of materials and in the sale of the products.

The ice business will be conducted as heretofore. Two wagons are now being used to insure early and prompt delivery.

Nash & Herr Moving.

The elegant store room in Dr. Burgess' new building is completed and Nash & Herr will be doing business in there on Saturday of this week. This store is up-to-date in every respect. A nice line of ladies' furnishings and suits will be added to the lines heretofore carried.

Will Open Savoy Hotel.

W. J. Vanhoose, of Fort Gay, will move to Louisa next week and take charge of the Savoy Hotel. Mr. Vanhoose has been proprietor of the West Virginia Hotel at Fort Gay for several years and is quite popular with the traveling public.